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1. Under supervision of the West Berlin Department of the SED Central Committee a program was initiated in August 1964 to improve the ideological and organizational work of the SED in West Berlin. Riemke (fnu), of the West Berlin Department, is responsible for the over-all control of this program. His Central Committee telephone number is 42 00 56, ext. 2591.
2. The program is to be implemented by selecting qualified SED members from East Berlin factories and installations, and making these persons responsible for giving close political and organizational guidance to designated West Berlin SED residential group secretaries.
3. The following procedure was followed in the selection of one such candidate from a large East Berlin plant:
 - a. The candidate, a member of the union management (Betriebs-gewerkschaftsabteilung) of his plant, was called into the office of an employee of the State Secretariat for State Security (SSR), who works in coordination with the cadre department of the plant. The candidate was questioned in considerable detail as to his background, political views, class consciousness, etc. After two such sessions, each lasting about two hours, the candidate was told that he was under consideration for an important Party assignment and was asked if he would be willing to undertake such an assignment. When the candidate consented he was told that he would be required to give political and organizational guidance to a designated West Berlin SED functionary. He was then told to report to SED Kreisleitung Friedrichshain.
 - b. At the SED Kreisleitung Friedrichshain the candidate was introduced to the West Berlin functionary whom he was to assist and direct. As far as is known, the West Berlin functionary and his East Berlin instructor are to conduct these meetings in East Berlin.
4. In order to improve further the political consciousness and agitational abilities of West Berlin SED members, a special program

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has been set up to train West Berlin SED members. This special school (Sonderschule) is located in Berlin-Pankow (Soviet Sector) Heinrich-Mannstr. The telephone number of the administrative section of the school is 48 71 64, ext. 94.

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